



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0591  
PUBLIC SAFETY - LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Moon

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0591 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our Coalition is heavily in favor of having police use body-worn cameras. We believe that they are a necessary item and that all officers should wear them.

We believe that there should be procedures in place for the use of the cameras, as well as procedures for when recording is mandatory vs when it is discretionary. We support the language in the bill calling for development of these procedures for the following law enforcement agencies:

- The Department of State Police
- The Anne Arundel County Police Department
- The Howard County Police Department
- The Harford County Sheriff's Office

We believe that this is an important policy to adopt and we fully support having all officers wear body-worn cameras.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.